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SUBJ: IRANIAN ASSOCIATION WITH KANDAHAR CEMENT PLANT

1. I SPOKE TO INDUSTRIES MINISTER REZA AMIN JANUARY 10 CONCERNING
IRANIAN ASSOCIATION WITH KANDAHAR CEMENT PLANT. I INDICATED
THAT I HAD RECENTLY DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT WITH AFGHAN
MINISTER ASSIFI IN KABUL.

2. AMIN SAID HE HAD HELD GOOD TALKS WITH ASSIFI DURING ESCAP
MEETING IN BANGKOK. HE HAD FELT THEY HAD REACHED BASIS FOR
SOME UNDERSTANDINGS CONCERNING IRANIAN IN CONSTRUCTION OF
THIS PLANT.

3. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN KABUL, IT APPEARED
AFGHANS MAY BE RESTUDYING THE PROJECT. HE SEEMED RATHER VAGUE
ABOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE OF CURRENT AFGHAN THINKING, BUT NEVERTHELESS
SEEMED OPTIMISTIC THAT BASIS WOULD EVENTUALLY BE FOUND TO PUT
PROJECT BACK ON TRACKS. AS FAR AS HE IS CONCERNED,
BALL IS NOW IN AFGHAN COURT AND HE IS WAITING WORD FROM
KABUL.
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